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SPECAT FOR GEN MC AULIFFE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, NU
SUBJECT: SOMOZA HEART ATTACK

REF: (A) MANAGUA 3496; (B) MANAGUA 3511

1. CHARGE SPOKE AT MID-DAY MANAGUA TIME (JULY 26) WITH DR. WILLIAM C. PHILLIPS OF MIAMI HEART INSTITUTE WHO IS ATTENDING PRESIDENT SOMOZA. DR. PHILLIPS, WHO HAS BEEN SOMOZA FAMILY HEART SPECIALIST FOR MANY YEARS: ARRIVED MANAGUA MONDAY MORNING. HE SAID PRESIDENT'S TROUBLES BEGAN SUNDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 24) AND THAT EKG CHANGES OCCURRED MONDAY MORNING AFTER HIS (PHILLIPS) ARRIVAL. PHILLIPS SAID THERE HAS BEEN SOME HEART DAMAGE BUT NO FURTHER COMPLICATIONS.

2. PHILLIPS CHARACTERIZED SOMOZA'S CONDITION AS BOTH "FAIR" AND "ZGOOD" DURING CONVERSATION. HE SAID PRESIDENT IS FULLY CONSCIOUS AND FEELS STRONG. SOMOZA WANTED TO BE PLACED IN MILITARY HOSPITAL RATHER THAN OTHER FACILITIES WHICH HAVE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS. PHILLIPS, HOWEVER, IS BRINGING IN MEDICAL TEAM TODAY FROM MIAMI HEART INSTITUTE WITH PORTABLE INTENSIVE CARE EQUIPMENT.

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3. PHILLIPS THINKS SOMOZA SHOULD RECOVER BARRING FURTHER COMPLICATIONS. HE SAID HE (PHILLIPS) WILL BE SEATING OUT NEXT 3 - DAYS BUT THAT CRISIS PERIOD SHOULD PASS WITHIN NEXT 48 HOURS.

4. PHILLIPS DOES NOT ANTICIPATE A REQUEST FOR ANY ASSISTANCE FROM USG AT THIS TIME. HE ALLUDED, HOWEVER, TO POSSIBLE AIR EVACUATION ON SHORT NOTICE IF CONDITIONS WARRANT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED PLEASE ADVISE WHAT MEDICAL AIR EVACUATION FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE AND WHAT RESPONSE TIME WE CAN CALCULATE. WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW FROM WHOM AND HOW SPECIAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE REQUESTED BY US AS WELL AS ANY DETAILS INCLUDING APPROPRIATE TELEPHONE NUMBERS.
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